

WEST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL CONSULTATION

TO:	Horsham District Council FAO: Steve Astles
FROM:	Highways, WSCC
DATE:	12/06/2026
LOCATION:	65 The Spinney, Pulborough, RH20 2AR
SUBJECT:	DC/26/0707 Creation of a driveway with steps down to the dwelling and creating a level access platform to the front of the property.
DATE OF SITE VISIT:	N/A
RECOMMENDATION:	Advice

This application has been dealt with in accordance with the Development Control Scheme protocol for small scale proposals.

WSCC in its role as Local Highway Authority (LHA) has been consulted on highway matters by the Local Planning Authority (LPA) for the proposed creation of a driveway with steps down to the dwelling and creating a level access platform to front of property. The site is located on The Spinney, an unclassified road subject to a speed restriction of 30 mph.

The proposals seek 4.5m of dropped kerb on The Spinney, facilitating access to an off-street car parking space. From inspection of WSCC mapping, there are no apparent visibility concerns with the proposed point of access on The Spinney. The proposed access works will be subject to a licence obtained from WSCC, and constructed to a specification agreed with a WSCC Highway Area Engineer.

In summary, the LHA does not consider that this proposal would have an unacceptable impact on highway safety or result in 'severe' cumulative impacts on the operation of the highway network, therefore is not contrary to the National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 116), and that there are no transport grounds to resist the proposal.

If the LPA are minded to approve the application, the following informative should be applied:

Vehicle Crossover – Minor Highway Works

The applicant is advised that in addition to obtaining planning permission that they must also obtain formal approval from the highway authority to carry out the site access works on the public highway. The granting of planning permission does not guarantee that a vehicle crossover licence shall be granted because the highway license process considers wider factors than are considered by the Highway Authority at planning stage.

Additional information about the licence application process can be found at the following web page:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/highway-network-permits-and-licences/highway-licences/west-sussex-county-council-licences/dropped-kerbs-or-vehicle-crossovers-for-driveways/>

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